# Online Computing

# Outline

- in this portion:
  - Requirements
  - Philosophy
  - Overview of Online System
    - Hardware architecture
    - Software architecture
- presented by Fritz Bartlett:
  - Controls and Monitoring
  - Test Beam efforts
- and then back to me:
  - ...other software components
  - Schedules and manpower

# Requirements

- Functionality:
  - Control of detector
    - hardware settings
    - configuration
    - triggering
  - Monitoring of
    - hardware state
    - trigger operations
    - data flow
    - data content

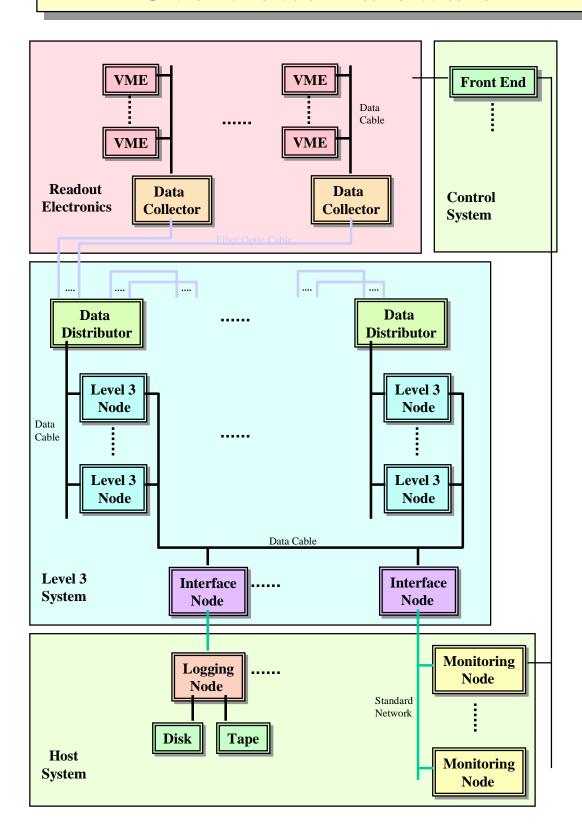
## Requirements (cont'd)

- Bandwidth:
  - 20 Hz @ 250 Kbytes/event5 Mbytes/sec
  - Upgrade path to 50 Hz
    12.5 Mbytes/sec
  - Burst rate of 100 Hz (local)
    25 Mbytes/sec
- These figures set the scale for the total Run II data volume. The targets for the Level 1 / Level 2 / Level 3 trigger rates are 10 kHz / 1 kHz / 20 Hz. The DAQ system needs to be capable of up to 50 Hz if the Level 3 rejection rate cannot be met. It might be expected that the full capacity will be used, putting a strain on offline resources. In the end, the DAQ rate may be tailored to match offline capacity.

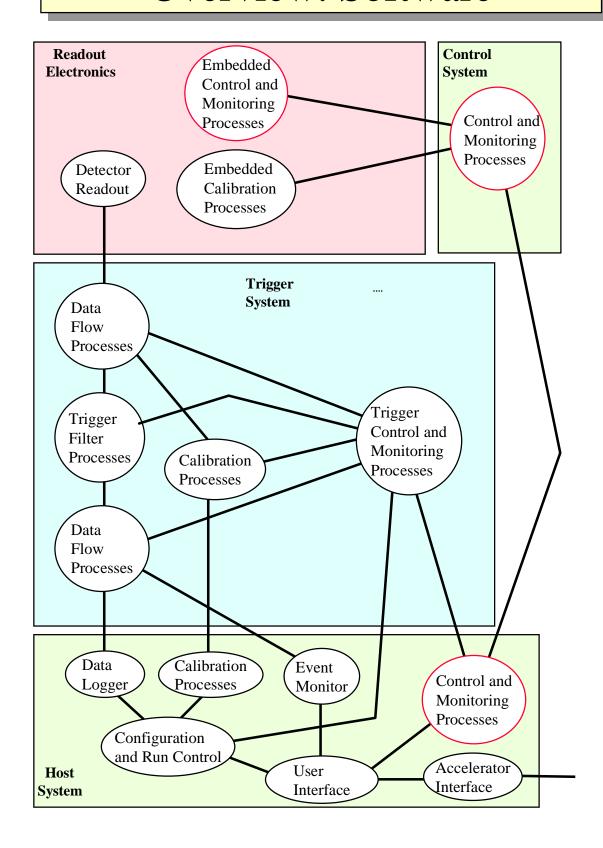
# Philosophy

- Learn from Run I
  - Similar architecture
- Beg, borrow, and steal...
  - EPICS, DART
- Follow the crowd...
  - UNIX host system
  - NT filter and control nodes
  - VXWORKS front ends
- Stay with the rest of  $D\emptyset$ 
  - C++ (though will allow C, FORTRAN as needed)
  - DØ Code Management, Graphics,
    Databases, ...

### Overview: Hardware



### Overview: Software



#### Part 3 introduction...

- Run I Legacy
  - items that we have to live with...
- Online tools development
  - software upon which many applications are built
- Component list
  - the highlights only...
- Schedule and Manpower
  - the highlights and summary...

## Run I Legacy

- Control system components:
  - Token Ring network
  - Shea/Goodwin 68K processors
  - 1553, Vertical Interconnect
  - DØ High Voltage system
- Mixed Ethernet and Token Ring network; mixed Front End systems; dual personality control system
- Data Path:
  - Level 3 infrastructure and architecture
- > Distributed processors with associated communication and control requirements

# Tool Development

- Inter-task communication
  - Decision to use upgraded version of Run I Client/Server package
- Control & Monitoring
  - Evaluating EPICS in Test Beam; will integrate with Run I CDAQ
  - Basis for:
    - Downloading
    - Alarms
- Event Distribution, Data Logging
  - Evaluating DART in Test Beam

# Component List

- Control & Monitoring Applications:
  - Hardware Database
  - Front End management
  - Gateway
  - High Voltage
  - Cryo, Gas control
  - Parameter Page
  - Clock Server
  - Alarm system
  - Data Logger
- System Performance Monitoring
- Accelerator interface

- Configuration and Run Control Applications:
  - "COOR"
  - User interface
- Data collection and monitoring:
  - Data logger
  - Tape manager
  - Trigger monitor
- Calibration:
  - in Front End
  - in Level 3
  - at Host
- Event Monitoring:
  - Event distribution
  - "EXAMINE"

#### Schedule

#### • Milestones:

-1997

Mar Test Beam operations

Jul COOR - trigger system protocols

Jul Version 1 Inter-task communication

Jul 1/6<sup>th</sup> hardware purchased

Oct Control & Monitor download path

Oct Level 1 Framework installation / minimal

trigger

-1998

Mar COOR - Level 2 protocols

Jun Readout VME to Level 3

Jun 2/6<sup>th</sup> hardware purchased

Aug Level 2 commissioning / extended trigger

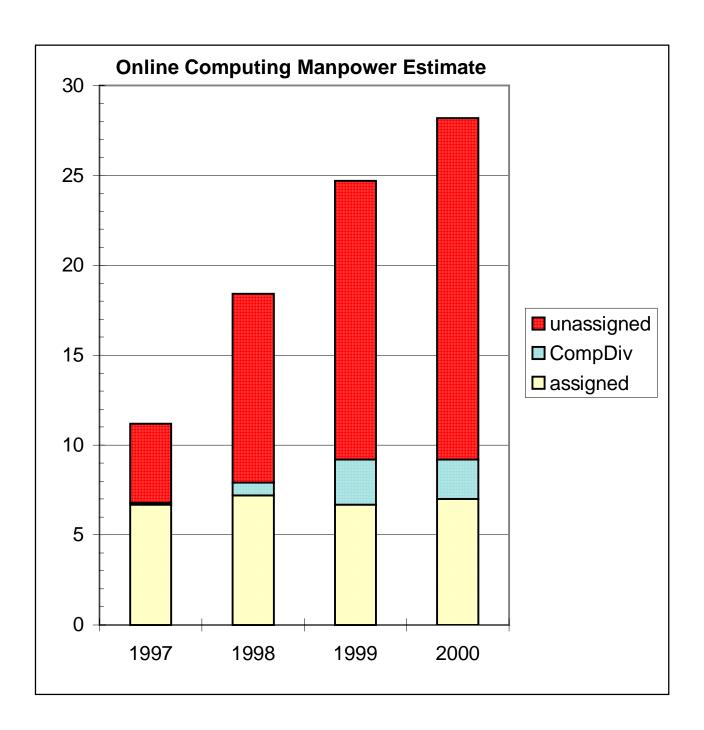
-1999

Jan Readout VME to Host

Jun Active triggers

Jun 3/6<sup>th</sup> hardware purchased

# Manpower Profile



# Why not \_\_\_\_ ?

- Why not VMS?
  - Lab as whole moving away;
    diminishing expertise
  - Restricted source of tools EPICS,
    DART
- Why not FORTRAN?
  - Very little of core of Run I system was FORTRAN - it was mostly PASCAL
  - Not inherently a structured language;
    would need vendor extensions or would
    need to move to FORTAN 90; the
    latter considered as drastic as C++
  - Hard to find young people interested in FORTRAN